

TRIAL OF A. WEBBER

Placer County Citizens Want Additional Counsel.

TO ASSIST DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Opinion That the District Attorney is Not Capable to Try Case.

Auburn, Dec. 10.—The supervisors placer county are of the opinion that District Attorney Kelly Robinson is not capable of conducting the prosecution of Adolph Weber for the murder of his mother, and they want the state to furnish a more able prosecutor. The sentiment of the supervisors was voiced today in a resolution adopted by them asking State Attorney General U. S. Webb to take a hand in the proceedings. The resolution, in part, is as follows:

It has been made to appear to this board that a large number of prominent and substantial citizens and taxpayers of this county, who have carefully observed the conduct of the district attorney of this county at the preliminary examination of said Weber and the proceedings before the coroner's jury concerning the murder of the Weber family on the 10th day of November, 1904, are of the opinion that said district attorney is not equal to the prosecution that same upon said case, the conduct and management of the said prosecution that is represented to this board, and we are satisfied therefrom that the said district attorney does not realize the magnitude of the undertaking before him nor of the responsibilities which have been thrust upon his office, and that he intends to assume the conduct and management of the same, and unless steps are taken to prevent it the public service will suffer great detriment thereby. The said district attorney has refused and continues to refuse to accept the aid of able and efficient counsel which the relatives of the murdered family have rendered him, and such aid as the public generally have demanded that he accept. We, therefore knowing of no other course open to us, as representatives of the public, to prevent a probable miscarriage of justice, for these reasons, urgently but respectfully request you, the attorney general of the state of California, to comply with this request.

A similar resolution, bearing the names of seventeen members of the grand jury, was adopted by that body and forwarded to Webb. It was accompanied by a petition requesting Webb to join in the prosecution of Weber, signed by nearly every man of prominence in the town of Auburn. Weber asked to see both of his attorneys this afternoon, and it is rumored that he wanted their assistance in making his will. The prisoner has not been feeling well for the last few days and fears that confinement may kill him.

COMMISSIONER HURT.

Street Car Company Likely to Suffer Also.

Tacoma, Dec. 10.—As a result of a street car jumping the track last night, Commissioner of Public Works William Welsh was injured to such an extent that he had to be removed to St. Joseph's hospital, where he is now receiving medical treatment.

Peter Debroe, superintendent of the city water mains, was thrown from the car and sustained a scalp wound. Jas. Lee, a well known street contractor, received a bad cut in the head and Currey Doans, a resident of South Tacoma, was bruised about the face and body.

ISOLATED THREE YEARS.

Signal Corps Man Returns From the Far North.

Seattle, Dec. 10.—After being stationed in the far north for three years, sometimes in posts where he could not see another human being week in and week out, and undergoing all sorts of hardships in order to keep Uncle Sam's telegraphic lines open for use, Bert E. Miller, of the United States army signal corps, has reached this city from the north. He has just been honorably discharged from the service and is now awaiting the accumulated salary of months from the paymaster's office. He states that at some of the isolated posts pay day is such a rarity that the men in the corps have forgotten all about it.

Mr. Miller has been stationed at Copper Center, Fort Liscum, Chestochena and other remote points. For the entire three years of his enlistment he has been in isolated localities and is able to tell interesting stories of the hardships suffered by the men in the north while at work for small pay for the government. At one post he was on one man drowned himself and another deserted in their desperation at the awful loneliness of the place. At Chestochena station Miller did not see more than half a dozen people a month

and considered himself fortunate if he saw as many as that. Even the natives fight shy of the place. In the terrible loneliness, sometimes with insufficient food, Mr. Miller had over fifty miles of telegraph line to look out for and keep in repair. He was obliged to cover this distance either afoot or with dog teams several times a month and at the same time operate the keys of his instrument. He states that reading matter and the comforts of life were practically unknown. He used to get hold of a newspaper at very infrequent intervals and would read it for days and days, devouring even the advertisements several times over for mental recreation.

Will Tattoo Ladies.

New York, Dec. 10.—Winton T. Le-froy, a professional tattooist of London, has just arrived here on a contract to tattoo a number of New York society people. "My mission here," he said today, may no doubt surprise you. It is to tattoo several wealthy Americans who were in London during the last summer and said they would like to be tattooed, but I was unable to do the work for them at the time. "They clubbed together and made an agreement with me that I come to America and perform the work. "Of course, I can't give you their names, as to do so would be violating a professional secret. I may tell you however, that three of them live in Philadelphia and the others in this city."

WHERE THEY ALL GO

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- CROWN—Capt. J. W. Babbidge selected this reputable piano in a beautiful figured rosewood case. This is the only high grade piano with the many tones.
- EARHOFF—Mr. Harry Jones gets one of these instruments for his house.
- HADDORFF—Mr. Nels Simonson secures this popular piano in an art case of mottled mahogany.
- HARDMAN—Mr. Smith Cox secures this instrument at Hammond for the children.
- KIMBALL—Mr. H. P. Anderson secures this old reliable make of organ, in chapel style, for the hall at Rosburg.
- LESTER—Mr. J. L. Pettit of Seaside secures this, the pride piano of Philadelphia, in antique oak case.
- PACIFIC QUEEN—Our own make of organ, is a triple winner, the purchasers being: Conrad Casella, Joseph Ostrum and J. P. Ryan.
- SCHILLER—Mrs. M. D. Knutsen selects this very choice dainty piano in a rich Brazilian walnut case.

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Which piano are you going to select for that Xmas present? We have them in all varieties of cases and some thirty (30) different makes for your approval. Ours is the one price store; besides, we fulfill our every promise. There is no longer any need to go to Portland to select your piano. Our assortment is complete. There are elegant mottled mahogany cases, choicest of figured oak, both Flemish and golden, also beautifully mottled Circassian, Brazilian and English walnut cases to select from. Remember that the Eilers Piano House warranty goes with every single instrument—"Money back if not as represented in every particular." Every instrument sold is also accompanied by the respective makers' five and ten year guarantee which is duly countersigned by Eilers Piano House, thus protecting a purchaser in every way.

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Sequel of the Nelson-Corbett Fight.

FOR HOME AND MOTHER

Nelson Fought for Championship and to Assist His Parents and Sisters.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Battling Nelson's brilliant victory over William Rothwell (Young Corbett) at San Francisco revealed a domestic melodrama which at one time threatened to be a tragedy. The story of the boy's struggle against great odds, his rapid ascent as a pugilist, conceals behind it the fact that for years Nelson has fought with two objects, and they were outside the prize ring.

He fought his way toward the championship with but two ideas—to pay the mortgage on his mother's home at 1346 Shearer avenue, Hegewisch; to win back the love and admiration of his father, brothers and sister. His mother's love and tenderness he has all the time.

By beating Young Corbett and placing himself in line for the championship he achieved all his objects, and, although he declares, and his family believes, that he will defeat James Britt and win for himself the title of feather-weight and light-weight champion of the world, defeat will not mean much to him in his coming fight; at least not nearly so much as it would have done when he fought and conquered Herrera, Canole, Hanlon and Corbett.

Practically driven from home because the family objected to his chosen profession, forbidden scores of times by his father to enter the ring, pleaded with by his mother, who feared he would be hurt, Nelson insisted.

The boy has fought, and fought desperately, in order that his mother might have her home, her comforts and dresses; in order that debt need not worry his father; in order that his brothers and sister might go to school and get better educations; and he has steadily urged the other boys not to follow in his footsteps and told them to keep out of the fighting game.

Whatever the moralists may say of prize fighting as a profession, they probably would praise the stocky, self-sacrificing little Dane for the objects for which he has fought.

CONSCIENCE TROUBLED HIM.

Thief Returns Package of Money He Had Stolen.

San Diego, Dec. 10.—"I sent you the money stolen from your shop. Please forgive."

Such was the strange message received through the mail today by H. Burns, proprietor of the Independent Meat market, whose place of business was broken into a few days ago and about \$60 in cash, a silver watch, a gold head of a cane and other small articles stolen from the safe. And the cash came back, every cent of it, together with the other articles.

Burns first received a note without signature mailed in a plain white envelope. It read: "I mailed tonight to you the parcel with the money stolen from your shop. It is not registered. Inquire at the postoffice."

Burns followed directions, secured the package, and, to his surprise, found that every cent of the money, even to a few coppers, had been returned. The money and goods were wrapped in the note requesting forgiveness.

A DIVINE HEALER.

Unable to Make Her Husbands Horse Win a Race.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 10.—Because Mrs. Mary Orr, a divine healer, was unable to comply with her husband's demand that she make his race-horses break world's records she was accordingly granted a divorce at Marshalltown today.

Her story, as told to the judge, was corroborated by two witnesses, who are neighboring women. Mrs. Orr had achieved considerable reputation as a divine healer in Colorado but has never practiced her power much in this state. It was shown to the satisfaction of the court that she suggested to her husband that if she could only have the influence over his horses that she has over human beings she could make them win every race in which they were entered. He thereupon began to insist that she perform this feat. She attempted it, but his horses failed to win. He then abused her and the divorce suit resulted.

Cut in Two by Saw.

Boulder Creek, Dec. 10.—While crossing from the engine room, where he had gone for a drink of water, to his position as tall sawyer in the mill of McAbee & Ryder today, Peter Fugazi, a native of Italy, fell upon the rapidly moving carriage and was carried into the saw, which cut him in twain.

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Herman Wise

Startling Evidence.

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Worst of All Experiences.

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years" she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was marvelous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered. For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles 'Electric Bitters' is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by Chas. Rogers Druggist.

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